

STREET WAIFS
LOOK FOR SANTA

Down on Randall's Island They
Regard Christmas as a Time
When "There's Lots to Eat
and Very Little Preaching."

SWEETS AND WHITE MEAT
CHIEFLY LOOKED FOR.

Management Is Kind, However,
and the Youngsters Find a
Real Home in Spite of the
Strict Discipline Enforced.

BY OPIE READ,
author of "A Kentucky Colonel," "A Ten-
nessee Judge," "The Starbuck," etc.

I asked the little fellow if he knew any-
thing about Santa Claus and he shook
his head. I asked him if he knew what
Christmas meant, and his face bright-
ened.

"Yes; it's the time when you have lots
to eat and they don't preach to you."

There are of course thousands of
people not only throughout the country,
but in this great metropolis, who do not
know the meaning of Randall's Island.
But it has the deepest of meanings.
Out of the very cradle it lifts infantile
misfortune, carries it away to the
island and there to care for it. Here
are gathered more than a thousand un-
fortunate children against whom life or
nature has sorely and grievously dis-
sembled—the lame, the halt and the
inheritance of diseases that puzzle the
doctors. And viewed collectively it
would seem one of the earth's most
miserable spots, but it is one of the
most humane benefactions ever con-
ceived by a city's government. The
discipline is strict, of course, but the
management is kindly, and instead of a
chafing confinement the youngsters find
a home.

Christmas as a Time to Eat.
"No Christmas is the time when you
plenty to eat without preaching."
"Yes, sweet stuff and white meat that
you can chew without half trying."
"What is your name?"
"They call me Con, but my name's
Conner, and I come here because some-
thing got the matter with my skin; I
broke out like—" he was put to for a
comparison and he studied, but out of
his brief peasant a simple flow and he
said: "Broke out like one of these medi-
cine pictures."

Nearby stood a gentleman of most
lugubrious pety. He knew that the
world was lost and had come over
to the island to prove it to himself. He
had doubtless long since felt that there
was no hope for age and now all that
was necessary for him to assimilate
was the fact that youth had never been
endowed with a chance. He came for-
ward and attempted to put his hand on
"Con's" head, but the little fellow
ducked out from such patronage.
"How long do you expect to stay
here?" the gentleman inquired, and the
answered: "I'll stay here till they take me
away. I can't swim off."

Wants to Be a Jockey.
"And in your—I might almost say
your immature shrewdness, have you
settled upon some career, you would
like to follow through?"
"Come off."
"I beg pardon," said the gentleman.
"I mean have you thought of what you
would like to do?"
"I'd like to be a jockey," said the boy.
The gentleman looked at him and strode
toward the boat, now thoroughly con-
vinced that this was a condemned in the
chain, originally made or trumped up
for him.

The island is beautiful, the buildings
roomy, the attendants kindly, the place
is a blessing and yet to any one who
possesses the merest semblance of a
soul there is a constant effort to subdue
a fearful enemy, the children of
crime. These are innocent, but nature is
a merciless judge and over the judg-
ment was made in rebellious spirit. See
those little girls, loving but doll-like.
Money-maker, do you know what that
means? It means that there are boys
of the first feeling of motherhood.
Their gentlest and sweetest inheritance
is bitten by the front of men's evil,
poverty and crime. The immediate pos-
sibility of crime is not criminal, but trace back
their condition and crime was its father, the
barren wrong, the greed of the aristocrat.

Crowned Songs of the Street.
In the chilling wind, beneath a tree,
two little creatures played with sticks.
About these bits of wood they had tied
rags and strings, and they were playing
with costly raiment, the ruffles and
the curls of vivid fancy. They knew no
middles, these children of the curb-
stone, but they crooned the tune of the
had heard in the street, caught from
the fauce opera of Broadway. When
asked if they knew anything about
Santa Claus one of them said: "Oh, yes,
we saw a picture of him, and once, a
long time ago, when they were here,
country we must have seen him, for he
had long whiskers and some sheep were
blowing him blowing him blowing him.
The boats at this time of the year
bring many contributions, but no one
can anticipate all the wants of a child.
Something to eat is but one of the de-
mands of poverty.

The boat had left the sad gentleman,
and slowly he came strolling back, with
his eyes cast downward, looking sourly
upon the spot where next summer the
flowers will bloom. "What is your
name?" he asked of a boy, and in the
little fellow's eyes bright mischief
danced a fire. He had seen and esti-
mated many an old chap such as this
one, and had always felt the worse for
having talked to him.

Just Broke His Leg.
"My name," he said, glancing about
as if looking for it lying on the ground;
"my name is Bill."
"Have you no other name, my little
man?"
"Don't need any other."
"Were you sick when you came here?"
"Yes; only had a leg broke."
"How did you break it?"
"I don't break it. Wagon run over
me."
"How did it happen?"
"I was nipping an apple out of the
wagon."
"Didn't you know that was wrong?"
He smiled and ran away, limping,
and the reformer sighed.

Throughout the country applies by the
million hundreds to the ground and
every year. But that is not the per-
son they preach to the unfortunate.

RICH POORHOUSE INMATE.
ROCKY M. Y., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Anna
Ann, mother of Mrs. Anna, an inmate of
the County Almshouse, has in-
vited her mother to live with her.
"Now that she has fallen
ill, she is quite comfortable."

35c. Holly Wreaths, 19c.

TAKE home a few holly wreaths. Your Christ-
mas home decorations will be incomplete
without at least a few. For the young ladies
be sure and take home a wreath of mistletoe.

50c. English Mistletoe Wreaths, full of berries. 25c.
35c. Holly Wreaths, while they last, 19c.
Will fill any size fern dish at 69c.
35c. Asparagus Ferns, special, 19c.
12c. Table Ferns, all sizes, at 7c.

New York's Greatest Sale of Jewelry.

THE Simpson Crawford Co. Jewelry bears all the earmarks of the very finest
and most exclusive Jewelry made. It has an intrinsic worth that is not found in the ordinary
Jewelry, and the name Simpson Crawford Co. gives it a standing among people of refined
taste who, by experience, have come to recognize its superiority.



Beginning to-morrow and continuing up
to Christmas Eve, we will offer values in fine
Jewelry that will insure a saving of fully
one-half as compared with the prices of the
Exclusive Jewelry houses.

75c. for 1.25 Sterling Silver Nethersole Bracelets.
5.25 for Women's new transparent Watch Sets.
3.95 for Women's Sterling Silver Watches.
3.75 for \$5 Gold Clusters, set with Pearls, Ame-
thysts, Sapphires, Ruby, Turquoise or Emeralds.
2.75 for 4.50 Roll Gold Tiffany Opal Rings.
4.25 for 7.50 German Silver Wrist Bags.
2.50 for 5.50 German Silver Automobile wrist
Bags.
1.25 for \$2 Sterling Silver Locket and Chain.
75c. for Child's 1.50 Gold filled Neck Chain.
95c. for 1.50 Sterling Silver Match Safes.
5.50 for 7.50 Gun Metal Cigarette Safes.
25c. for 75c. Imported Hat Pins.
50c. for \$1 Real Coral Brooch.
2.50 for 4.75 German Silver Chatelaine Bags.
18.25 for \$22 five stone Genuine Diamond Ring.
6.75 for \$10 Single Stone White Diamond Ring.
4.95 for Women's Solid Gold Fancy Cluster Ring set with Pearls,
Turquoise, Sapphire or Emeralds.
3.95 for 4.95 Solid Gold Seal Ring.

Simpson Crawford Co.

SIXTH AVE. 19TH TO 20TH STREETS
Store Open Till 10 P. M. and Every Night Until Christmas Eve.

Half Prices on

All Our Dolls.

YOU may select any Doll you want
at just half the regular price
during the rest of the Christmas shop-
ping days.

All our richly
dressed dolls are in-
cluded. Every kind
of a doll to delight
the little one.

40c for 9-inch
Sleeping Doll
dressed in vari-
colored silks, with hat
to match.

98c for this 16-
inch Sleeping
Doll, not dressed.
50c to 8.50
for undressed Bisque
Dolls, with hand-
sewed wigs, shoes
and stockings.



Men's \$1.50 Xmas Neckwear at 79c.

SEVENTY-FIVE dozen lustrous English squares, the most fashionable neck-
wear for men—reduced from \$1 and \$1.50 to 79c. It's an earnest effort to
close them out right at the time when you want them for Holiday gifts. You'll
find these ties especially suitable for gifts and we only wish that we had enough
to last until Christmas.

They are made of purest silk, in light and dark figure
effects—tasteful patterns—also plain white and black
for those who adhere strictly to the conventional.
The ends are double and very heavy.

Don't you think this an admirable opportunity to buy
gift neckwear? Or, if you are a man, don't you want one
for yourself at this low price? You may not get a tie for
Christmas.

50c. for men's \$1 and \$1.50 silk scarfs in squares,
four-in-hands and neckties, novel designs.

Special Sale of Silk Dress Suit Protectors—
Made from exclusive weaves of silk by our own haberdash-
er, and made in our own workrooms. You'll pay at
least \$2 to \$5 for protectors of equal quality and beauty
elsewhere; special prices while they last..... \$1 to \$3

50c. for men's \$1 suspenders, boxed. 4,800 pairs
70 different color combinations with photo buckles.

Candies for Xmas Stockings

THEY'RE absolutely pure, too, and the price is less
than half. This great candy sale always occurs just
before Xmas, giving you an opportunity to secure
absolutely wholesome sweets at a special price.

Mixed Chocolates, 40c. quality, at, per box, 25c.
Bonbons and Chocolates, 40c. quality, at, per box, 25c.
Special 5-lb. box Mixed Bonbons and Chocolates, 1.00.
\$1 value of Finest Candies, put up in Holly Xmas Box, at 60c.
Genuine No No Krisp, 1-lb. box, 25c.

Piano Buying Made Easy
By Our New Payment Plan.

A SMALL cash payment—and a smaller amount monthly
will enable you to take your choice among these eleven different
pianos, each representing the best of its class.

Knabe Packard Hobart
Hazelton Bush & Gerts M. Cable
Gabler Laffargue Price & Teeple
Schubert Victor Radle

Here's an example—we will sell you the Radle for \$200—\$10 down
and \$6 per month. This is positively the best value offered anywhere
in Greater New York. It enables anybody to own a piano. The Radle
has a fine tone as well as a handsome case.

Just a word about our other makes:

The names of the pianos are convincing proof of their standing in
the musical world.

Don't forget that we will make terms that will enable

you to purchase any piano—he it a Knabe at \$500
or a Radle at \$200.

You'll be interested in our terms on the Knabe, Hazelton and Gabler,
the oldest and best known makes. Don't you want a piano for Christmas?

Great Sale of Fine Handkerchiefs.

OF ALL Christmas gifts the handkerchief is the most popular, not only for
women, but for men, too. You'll find them here in handsome boxes all ready for presenta-
tion purposes, and they are right from the handkerchief-producing countries of the Old World,
bought at unusual price concessions—hence these wonderful values.

Here are thousands of delicate miles of lace and linen for women—
every one a tiny masterpiece of the handkerchief fashioner's art.
Then there are soft, finely woven squares for men. And we've so many that we've given
them unheard-of Xmas prices to close them out.

50c. for women's 75c. and \$1 values—fine
French handkerchiefs, lace edge and needlework.
95c. for women's \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75
values—season's choicest novelties, hand work of Irish
peasants, lace edge and fine French handkerchiefs.

\$1.38 for one-half dozen of our regular
\$2 values in men's and women's hand-embroidered linen
initial handkerchiefs.

Here's a Big Saving on Gloves.

BESIDES a great saving there's something else about these gloves that is de-
cidedly in your favor. It is the correctness of the styles, the excellence
of the workmanship, the superiority of the skins put into them.

Can you think of anything that would make a more suitable holiday gift? Try as you
might, and Gloves would remain uppermost in your thought.

It was because of this that we took particular pains to get the kinds that would be made attrac-
tive and useful. Don't buy any till you see these, or you'll lose a good saving and a perfect Glove.

1.50 for women's 2-clasp pique real Kid
Gloves, special colors and embroidery, also 3-clasp over-
seam.

1.50 for women's mannish Cape Gloves,
spear point, fine selected imported skins.

\$1 for 2-clasp Glace Gloves, Imperial
point, white, black and colors; twenty styles.

\$1 for men's special \$1.35 Gloves, Cape,
P. X. M. and dogskin, fleece lined and cape silk lined.

\$1 for misses' and boys' 1-clasp Cape
and Mocha Gloves, pique and P. X. M., newest tans and
silk lined.

95c. for misses' 2-clasp Glace Gloves,
white, black and colors; one of our best specials.

1.95 for \$3 Cut Glass Wine Decanters.

YOU certainly want to visit our Crystal Room before deciding upon your Xmas
gifts. You'll not only find a wealth of cut glass beauty, and prices are the most remarkable
ever quoted and were only made possible by reason of an opportune purchase.

We only illustrate a few of the many thousand
gift-buying opportunities that await you.

100 Fancy Colored Umbrella Stands, value \$3, at 1.95.

One Lot of French Lever Clocks, all styles and sizes, values up to \$40, at 18.95.

Cut Glass Punch Bowls, the \$50 kind, at \$40.

For \$6 Cut Glass Celery
Trays, like cut, rich, brilliant
cut glass; only 1,000 Trays at
this price; a maker's stock bought at a great re-
duction; extraordinary values while they last, 3.95

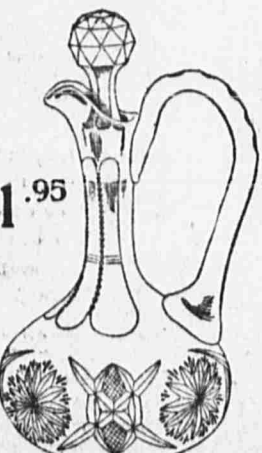
100 doz. Fine Etched Tumblers,
regular value \$1.75 per doz., now 1.00

Large Crystal Water Jug,
to match tumblers, value \$1.65, at 1.00

Fine Cut Glass Bowls, regularly
sold for \$7.50, special at 5.50

Cut Glass Ice Cream Trays,
regular \$3.50 values, at 22.50

1,500 Handsome Cut Glass
Sugar and Cream Sets, like illustration;
never have sold for less than
\$6; special for Monday
and Tuesday, at 4.50



\$2.95 for Women's Pure Silk

\$5 Umbrellas; Just a 1,000.

Special Tables on the Main Aisle, Centre.

THAT'S the gist of the umbrella news for the remaining days before Christ-
mas. A \$5 umbrella is a gift handsome and useful enough for the most
fastidious woman. And, think of it!—you can purchase such a gift and save
\$2.05. Isn't that worth considering? Thousand umbrellas will not last long
though, so do not put your Xmas shopping off too long.

The silk in these Umbrellas is so good that we guarantee it to wear for one year, and in 99
cases out of 100 it will wear much longer. The frames are the paragon—you know there is
none better. Then there is the rod—that slender cylinder that must bear the brunt of the
storm—it's the Harvey, the very best.

THE Store is opening evenings,
so if you cannot come in the day
time to share in these remarkable
values come in the evening, but the
best plan is to come in the morning,
when you will avoid the crowds.
You'll find these Umbrellas on the
Main-Centre Aisle—extra people to
wait on you.

Our Umbrella business has been
double that of any other year, and we
attribute the great volume of our busi-
ness to the fact that it is a well known
fact that at all times we offer the best
umbrella values in America—as an
instance, we cite these \$5 umbrellas for



THE elegance of an Umbrella
lies in the handle. It is far from
a stinging beauty that characterizes
these. They're in pearl, silver, gold,
natural wood and every other elegant
style. There's a handle for every taste.

No woman who wants an um-
brella for herself or any one who wants
one to present should miss this oppor-
tunity. Of course, we've only 4,000
of them, and in these days of rapid
selling we cannot say how long they
will last, because you know Christmas
shoppers appreciate \$5 umbrellas this
time of year at

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BOOK prices in their downward flight al-
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Time is too short to waste in pondering
over what to give. Present a good book.
It's a gift that affords pleasure and is pre-
served and cherished.

10c. for 25c. books in our great Bright Eyes
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Pleasant Times, Tot's Favorite Pictures,
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up to date, and illustrated,..... 75c.

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and Atlas of the World, 10 volumes.

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NEVER heard of such reductions in leather goods before. It's a wonderful
sale. Leather bags for the women, suit cases, hat boxes, club bags and every useful thing
that's made of leather is included. Then there's that great sale of \$1.50 to \$4.50 Wrist
Bags at \$1 that will create a great stir here to-morrow—be sure to get one of them. Main Floor.

No article for presentation is more suitable or practical. If you're in doubt concerning
what to give, take advantage of this event. Your gift is sure to find favor.

Special Alligator Club Bags, leather
lined, Vienna handle, solid brass trimmings,
seven great lots: 12 in., \$3.75; 13 in.,
\$4.15; 14 in., \$4.50; 16 in., \$5.25;
17 in., \$5.65; 18 in., \$6.00.

Special Values in Alligator Hand
Bags, extra deep, leather lined, Vienna
handle, solid brass trimmings: 12 in.,
\$5.25; 13 in., \$5.65; 14 in., \$6.00;
15 in., \$6.40; 16 in., \$6.75; 18 in.,
\$7.50.

Cowhide Hat Boxes, silk lined, \$5.75.
English Kit Bags, \$18, \$19.50, \$21.75.
Alligator Club Bags, \$3.35 to \$11.50.
Physicians' Bags, \$3.75 to \$11.25.
Fitted Suit Cases, \$15 to \$75.
Fitted Bags, \$10.50 to \$45.

Children's Cases, \$2.25 to \$5.
Suit Cases, \$2.95 to \$25.95.
Cabin Bags, \$2 to \$17.
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Reduction Sale Holiday Stationery.

We do not want any surplus stock on Christmas Eve, so we put quick selling
prices on all our fine stationery bought especially for the holiday sale. All that's correct and
desirable in stationery you'll find here.

Writing Paper Cabinets—Comprising the finest makes and newest shapes
of the season. About 3,000 cabinets to be cleared at the following prices:

25c. for 35c. to 45c. cabinets. 38c. for 55c. to 65c. cabinets. 68c. for 85c. to \$1 cabinets.

Leather Writing Desk Sets, comprising desk pad, rocking blotter, ink stand, calendar and
pen-wiper. About 50 sets here that we will clear at 2.75 per set.

50c. for 75c. sterling silver Rolling Blotters. 85c. for 1.25 sterling silver Paper Cutters, pearl
blades.

75c. for 1.25 brass Paper Cutters.

Ink Stands and Stationery Novelties—a very attractive assortment, to be cleared as follows:

25c. for 50c. values. 68c. for 1.25 values.
39c. for 75c. values. 95c. for 1.75 values.

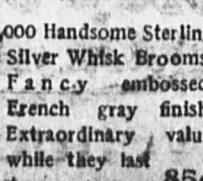
Sterling Silver Pencils at half
value, 25c., 38c., 68c. and 85c. Gold Pens, with pearl handles,
at half value, 50c., 69c. and \$1. Telephone Books, 39c. and
68c.

Special Sale of Toilet Accessories.

GIFTS of this kind never fail to be acceptable—and these special
prices represent an unusual saving. Run this list through and
you'll readily see it's the most important saving event of the season.

45c. for 75c. Silver Toilet Articles, Nail Files, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Button
Hooks and many other useful and ornamental gifts.

75c. for Silver Mounted Combs, Bonnet and Hat Brushes, etc.
1.75 for \$2.50 Silver Hair Brushes and other useful articles.



1,000 Handsome Sterling
Silver Whisk Brooms.
Fancy embossed,
French gray finish.
Extraordinary value \$2 Military Brushes, ebony backs,
full size, 1.45.
\$3 Hair Brush and Comb Sets
at 2.25.

\$3.25 Sterling Silver Hair Brush at 2.95
50c. Sterling Silver Tooth Brush at 39c
50c. Sterling Silver Hand Soap Dish at 39c
50c. Sterling Silver Shoe Hook (like cut), 35c